



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council Chambers

City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Torres at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Norman Ross (out at 7:02 p.m.)
William Burks
Carol Rundell
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Gerald Petersen
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Dan Ross

Representing:

Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Esperanza En Escalante
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Valerie Davis
Samantha Bivens
Steven Walker
Paul Marsh
Bruce Hamilton

AMVETS Post 770
American Red Cross
American Legion Post 7
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

Dee Brunner
Jeff Brunner
David Rafus

Operation Exodus Representative
Spouse of Dee Brunner
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

4. Introduction of Guests

Dee Brunner, Jeff Brunner and David Rafus were acknowledged.

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from September 9, 2015

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Hamilton, P. Marsh, V. Davis, and S. Walker absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Hamilton, P. Marsh, V. Davis, and S. Walker absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration / Approval of New Members

There were no new members for consideration.

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A handout was distributed and discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Report was given by Committee Member N. Ross. Handouts were distributed and a discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

9. Four Chaplains Ceremony

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

10. Operation Exodus

Dee Brunner, Operation Exodus Representative gave a brief update. A handout packet was distributed and a discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

11. Military Lounge

Dee Brunner gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

12. Discussion on November Meeting Date Change

Discussion was held. It was moved by Vice Chairman B. Slocum, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Hamilton, P. Marsh, V. Davis, and S. Walker absent/excused) to reschedule the November 11, 2015 Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting to November 18, 2015.

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All members present as they were at the beginning of the meeting.

13. Approval of Correspondence Recruiting New Organizations and Members

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Hamilton, P. Marsh, V. Davis, and S. Walker absent/excused) to approve correspondence recruiting new organizations and members.

14. Approval of Correspondence Inviting the Mayor to Veterans' Day Parade

I It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Committee Members S. Bivens, B. Hamilton, P. Marsh, V. Davis, and S. Walker absent/excused) to approve correspondence inviting the Mayor to ride with the committee for the Veterans' Day Parade.

15. Discussion of Committee Bylaws

Committee Bylaws were distributed. Direction was given for members to review and draft suggestions. Discussion to continue in November. No formal action was taken.

16. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members T. Byron, L. Johnson, C.W. Hall, Vice Chairman B. Slocum and Chairman E. Torres. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

17. Future Agenda Items

- Fundraiser – Veterans' Day Parade
- Discussion of Committee Bylaws

18. Salute to Colors

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.